

FINANCE SECRETARIAT

Old age pension scheme—Implementation of—.

REF:

- (1) G.O. No. FD (Spl.) 446 PEN 64, dated 15th November 1964.
- (2) O.M. No. FD 154 OAP 65, dated 15th November 1965.
- (3) O.M. No. FD 618 OAP 66, dated 13th June 1966.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

No. FD. (I) 31 OAP 72, BANGALORE, DATED the 13TH DECEMBER 1972.

Reference is invited to the Circulars cited above regarding the expeditious disposal of the applications for the grant of old age pension. A number of representations have been received by Government complaining about the delay in the disposal of the old age pension applications and the consequent hardship caused to the applicants. A review of the monthly progress reports submitted to Government by the Deputy Commissioners in this regard has also disclosed that a large number of old age pension applications have been pending disposal at various levels. This issue has also been raised on the floor of the Legislature to focus the attention of Government regarding the delays in the disposal of old age pension applications.

2. Government are anxious to see that the old age pension scheme is carried out efficiently, so that the much needed relief is received in time by the unfortunate destitutes all over the State. It was mainly with this end in view that the powers of sanction to the old age pension was decentralised and delegated to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts. It should be borne in mind that the old age pension scheme has been sanctioned by Government as a measure of social security and as such it devolves on the authorities concerned to implement the scheme effectively.

3. As per the instructions already issued in the Official Memoranda cited above, the Tahsildar should furnish his report to the Assistant Commissioner concerned within one month from the date of receipt of an application for old age pension. The Assistant Commissioner should scrutinize the Tahsildar's report immediately and submit the case to the Deputy Commissioner concerned either for sanction or rejection. The case should be disposed of in the Deputy Commissioner's office within seven days from the date of its receipt in his office. It should be ensured that no room is given for any complaints from the applicants in regard to the disposal of their applications for old age pension.

4. The Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners are once again requested to impress on the subordinate revenue officers the importance of old age pension scheme and its efficient implementation and to see that the applications for the grant of old age pension are dealt with on top-priority basis at all levels.

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